

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-19 (cancelled). (Presented in an amendment to the above-noted PCT application).

Add the following new claims:

1 (new). A profiled bar intended for securement to the top side of a window, door or the like, which bar comprises:

an internal, preferably prismatic first cavity which extends in the longitudinal direction of the bar for accommodating a raising mechanism for raising cords for a variable covering for the window, door or the like, such as a roller blind, a pleated blind or the like, which internal cavity is accessible from the exterior via at least one continuous hole in the bar for passage of at least one control cord which may be connected to the underside of the covering, for instance a substantially rigid beam connected to the lower edge of the covering;

at least one prismatic second cavity which extends in the longitudinal direction of the bar and which opens via a constriction onto the outside of the bar, which second cavity serves to receive the upper edge of the covering, which is embodied such that it fits into this second cavity but is too thick to pass through the constriction; and

two mutually coupled profiles which together bound the first cavity, in at least one of which profiles said holes are present.

2 (new). A profiled bar as claimed in claim 1, wherein the two profiles consist of wood or a wood-like material.

3 (new). A profiled bar as claimed in claim 1 wherein the two profiles are prismatic.

4 (new). A profiled bar as claimed in claim 1, wherein both ends of the bar have opening which connect onto the first cavity and which are each closed by a plug.

5 (new). A profiled bar as claimed in claim 4, wherein the plugs consist of the same material as the two profiles.

6 (new). A profiled bar as claim in, wherein the bar has continuous holes through which fastening screws can be placed to fasten the bar to the top part of a window, door or the like.

7 (new). A profiled bar as claimed in claim 1, wherein the two profiles are mirror-symmetrical.

8 (new). A profiled bar as claimed in claim 7, wherein the two profiles are identical.

9 (new). A profiled bar as claimed in claim 7, wherein the two profiles are mutually coupled in the plane of symmetry extending through the prismatic second cavity.

10 (new). A profiled bar as claimed in claim 1, wherein the edge of the at least one hole is rounded.

11 (new). A profiled bar as claimed in claim 1, wherein the profiles are connected non-releasably to each other, for instance by glueing.

12 (new). A profiled bar as claimed in claim 1, wherein the raising mechanism comprises:

a drive roller onto which the control cord engages for rotating driving thereof; and

a number of wind-up rollers for raising cords which are connected to this drive roller, for instance are arranged on the same shaft therewith.

13 (new). A profiled bar as claimed in claim 1, wherein the raising mechanism comprises:

guide means for the raising cords which are also the control cords;

wherein each of the cords is connected with a fixed end to the bar, extends downward and is trained through 180° around the upward windable or at least partially lower zone of the covering, extends upward again, enters the first cavity via a raising cord hole, extends therein in substantially horizontal direction leaves the cavity once again via a control cord hole and extends downward therefrom in vertical direction.

14 (new). A profiled bar as claimed in claim 1, wherein the two profiles consist of a transparent material, for instance a plastic such as acrylic, polycarbonate or plexiglass.

15 (new). A profiled bar as claimed in claim 1, wherein the two profiles consist of a metal, for instance aluminum.

16 (new). A profiled bar as claimed in claim 1, wherein the two profiles consist of an opaque plastic, for instance PVC, PP or PE.

17 (new). A profiled bar as claimed in claim 3, wherein the two profiles are each manufactured by extrusion.

18 (new). A profiled bar as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the two profiles is provided with a mounting profile, via which the relevant part can be fixed to the building structure.

19 (new). A profiled bar as claimed in claim 18, wherein the mounting profile takes a prismatic form.

20 (new). A profiled bar as claimed in claim 19, wherein the mounting profile is manufactured by extrusion.

21 (new). A profiled bar for securement to the top of an opening, including:

a first internal longitudinal cavity to accommodate a raising mechanism for adjusting an attached covering for the opening;

at least one opening into the cavity to accommodate at least one control cord which may be connected to the lower edge of the covering; and

at least one second longitudinal cavity having a constricted opening along one edge of the bar of a size to accept one edge of the covering and which will prevent passage through the constriction.